

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1

Members: Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. District No. 7
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, January 22, 2001, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:54 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1, Chairman; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No 2; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor ex officio; and Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney. Mr. William E. Crosby, Councilmember District No. 3, and Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6 were excused from this Committee meeting.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and copy of Agenda of this Committee meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Chairman Farley called the meeting to order and stated the first item on the Agenda was **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property; and employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

Councilmember Spooner moved to enter into Executive Session; seconded by Councilmember Davis; and passed by voice vote of Committee.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

Mr. Stokes stated the Committee on Justice and Public Safety went into Executive Session to discuss matters as stated in the motion and no formal action was taken.

Twelve eight and nine year old young ladies with Brownie Troop Number 420 from College Park Elementary School led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Troop received a standing ovation. Accompanying the Brownies were leaders Ms. Carol Worthington and Ms. Glenda Smith.

Item A, Judge Elizabeth Harper, Chief Magistrate, Re: Hours adjustment for certain constables.

Ms. Wauben stated Judge Harper was asking to increase hours for one constable that had been changed recently. She stated Ms. Harper needed six extra hours per week for that particular office. Ms. Wauben stated the amount is \$1,538.00 to be transferred from Contingency.

Councilmember Vaughn moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Crosby; and passed by voice vote of Committee.

Item B, Blair C. Jennings, Managing Assistant Solicitor, Re: Position upgrade.

Mr. Jennings stated there were two items for consideration. He stated the first item was an investigator's position to replace Mr. Adolph Hopgood, who retired. The position hasn't been upgraded for 20 years, currently a Grade 18 with annual salary of \$22,914.00. Mr. Jennings stated they are requesting that it be upgraded to a Grade 25 with annual salary of \$32,240.32.

Councilmember Spooner moved to approve the upgrade of the position from Grade 18 to Grade 25; seconded by Councilmember Davis.

Supervisor Rozier stated this item did not require additional funding. The funds are in the budget.

Upon call for the vote the motion was passed by voice vote of Committee

Chairman Farley stated without objection there was an additional item from the Solicitor's Office. Mr. Jennings stated there is Administrative Assistant III position that is no longer a position in their office. He stated their request is to divide this money between two Assistant Solicitor positions, which will come from the Charleston office to perform services to supplement their staff. The remaining balance would leave \$1,339 to be applied to the fifth full-time assistant solicitor for Berkeley County.

Councilmember Spooner moved to redistribute the funds; seconded by Councilmember Mims.

Councilmember Crosby asked how do they know how many hours they are spending in Berkeley County? Mr. Jennings stated one of the positions is for Skarlette Chief Deputy

Solicitor, whom he answers to from the Berkeley County aspect. Ms. Wilson will assist on major cases. Both of the attorneys' are going to handle cases in Berkeley County. He was not sure, far as keeping a feasible account, of how much time they actually spend in Berkeley County.

Mr. Jennings stated the other position would also have administrative responsibilities in addition to handling cases in Berkeley County.

Councilmember Crosby asked if there would be three part-time employees instead of one? Mr. Jennings stated the old position wasn't an attorney position it was exclusively administration. He didn't assistant on any cases. The two positions are attorneys' positions, and they will help with cases. Supervisor Rozier asked if the thought is they will move more cases through by having part-time assistance of the attorneys rather than administrator? Mr. Jennings stated they are going to assist them during court week. The more bodies the more cases they are able to move.

Upon call for the vote, the motion was passed by voice vote of Committee.

The Committee on Justice and Public Safety adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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There will be a Special Meeting of the COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, on MONDAY JANUARY, 22, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, scheduled to begin at 6:50 p.m.

AGENDA

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- A. Judge Elizabeth Harper, Chief Magistrate, Re: Hours adjustment for certain constables.
- B. Blair C. Jennings, Managing Assistant Solicitor, Re: Position upgrade.

January 17, 2001
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council